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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BAHAMAS OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF ISRAELI  
KNESSET

1. NETHANIEL LORCH, SEC GEN OF ISRAELI KNESSET, VISITED NASSAU  
DEC 18-20, ONE STOP IN TOUR OF CARIBBEAN AREA (JAMAICA, TRINIDAD  
CURACAO, GUAYANA AND BARBADOS). LORCH MET, INTER ALIA, WITH  
PM PINDLING AND MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY DEC 19, AND AMBASSADOR AND  
ECONOFF SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH LORCH AT RECEPTION. LORCH INDICATED  
HIS MISSION WAS TO GET ACROSS TO CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ISRAELI  
VIEW THAT ENERGY CRISIS WAS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MIDDLE EAST  
PROBLEM, BUT RATHER RESULT OF ARAB COUNTRIES FOLLOWING  
POLICIES (INCREASING OIL PRICES AND CUTTING BACK PRODUCTION)  
THAT MADE EMINENT SENSE FOR THEM IN ECONOMIC TERMS "WHETHER THERE  
WAS AN ISRAEL OR NOT." LORCH MISSION ALSO WAS APPARENTLY TO  
PRESS ISRAELI VIEW THAT UN WAS AN "ANTI-ISRAEL CLUB", IN WHICH  
ARABS HAD AN AUTOMATIC MAJORITY AND WHICH ISRAELIS COULD NOT  
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TAKE SERIOUSLY AS AN INSTITUTION (APPARENTLY WHILE STRESSING  
THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN ANY ISRAELI CONTEMPT FOR SMALL UN

MEMBERS SUCH AS JAMAICA, TRINIDAD, BARBADOS AND BAHAMAS WHO THEY HOPE WILL NOT FOLLOW COURSE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THEIR ATTITUDES TO ISRAEL).

2. LORCH ALSO SAID ISRAEL WOULD PROBABLY ACCREDIT A NON RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO BAHAMAS (THUS FOLLOWING SUIT OF FRG, CANADA, GUYANA), ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT INDICATE WHICH ISRAELI CHIEF OF MISSION IT WOULD BE.

3. ONLY READOUT WE HAVE HEARD IS THAT PINDLING AND ADDERLEY LISTENED POLITELY. ADDERLEY REMARKED TO UK HICOMER THAT GCOB WOULD STAY "NEUTRAL" IN ME DISPUTE AND NOT MAKE MISTAKE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

4. LOCAL HONORARY ISRAELI CONSUL SAYS HE ATTEMPTING, THOUGH CONTACTS IN JERUSALEM, TO HAVE AMB DINITZ IN WASHINGTON NAMED NON RESIDENT AMBASSADOR.

5. ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR AN EXEQUATOR FOR THE HONORARY CONSUL HAS BEEN PENDING SINCE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. LORCH ASKED PINDLING REASON FOR DELAY. PM SAID GCOB AWAITING FINAL ACTION ON THE PERSON'S APPLICATION FOR BAHAMIAN CITIZENSHIP. EMBASSY HAS ATTRIBUTED INACTION TO GCOB'S DESIRE TO REMAIN NEUTRAL. IT REFUSED PRE INDEPENDENCE REPUBLIC OF CHINA REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A CONSULATE HERE.  
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